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In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration for the following reasons:

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 based on the patent to Maris (5,844,684) in view of Maris (6,211,921). The Examiner also allowed claims 5-10 noting that Maris did not teach "defining a continuous model of the optical responses as a function of the parameters that equals the optical responses at the interpolation points." It should be noted that Claim 1 includes a related though not identical concept, specifically, "iteratively interpolating between the interpolation points using an interpolation model that defines a substantially continuous function which intersects with the interpolation points." It is submitted that neither of the two Maris patents discloses or suggests this limitation of claim 1.

Maris '684 relates to an approach for determining the mechanical properties of a sample. Apparently, Maris obtains measurements from reference samples. He then measures an